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Dear Charles,

Yesterday I had still another of the fairly numerous requests I've gotten for what was edited out, really gutted from Case Open. It leads to this explanation because you have one of the two printouts of the retyping of the supposed full rough draft. Jerry was to have determined when he had duplicate disks made when at page 688 or 798 it ends because it is not complete as printed out. He forgot so I do not know and cannot take the time now to learn. What is not on the disk I have in rough rough draft, each chapter in an individual file folder and insertions either with the chapter in which it was to have been inserted or filed separately as adds.

Lee Stern had agreed to do the retyping. But first her son had surgery, after which she nursed him, and then the Jewish holidays came. Meanwhile, Richard Gallen, who had been a friend, expressed an interest in the book, so I sent him the xeroxes I had of what Lee had so I could answer any questions she might ask by phone. As you can see, when I must keep my legs elevated my typing is terrible, as in my writing when I have, with the legs up, to hold it on a clipboard while I correct with it all in the air.

Gallen then phoned and said he would like to do the book, copublishing with Carroll & Graf, whose counsel he is, along with many other small publishers and their distributor, Publishers West. I said fine, I'd have it retyped. He said they'd have it retyped there and with Lee's delay and their expressed interest in rushing the book I agreed. I won't here go into the whole story, but he put a woman who had never touched a computer to work retyping it on a part-time computer. What emerged was incredible. I read and corrected what little she sent me, returned it, and then got no more.

As part of my agreeing for them to do the retyping in New York I asked for three copies, one for me, one for you and one for Dave Wrone, at Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

What was published as Case Open is about 20-25% of what I wrote. I had the ms. completed in about a month and then picked up what I did not have time to check when rushing the writing and then made other additions at the request of the man who runs Publishers West. The corrections I made in the proofs I was sent were ignored, the book appeared without even a table of contents, with two different subtitles, with no index, and as a practical matter there was nothing I could do about it. I tried!

I never saw what was retyped until recently. When I asked for the copies I was to have been sent this same woman, who seems to be a fine person, Mrs. Raphaela Seroy, was intermittently put to work on it. As she sent me batches of it I kept them as I got them until I got what is the last of what you have. With it I got a letter from her saying she had to leave New York to care for her ill father. She expressed the hope that she had made the insertions where I wanted them. Which may or may not be so.

And, of course, I have no idea how faithful her retyping is to what I wrote. This is not by any means criticism of her. It is because my typing and writing are

what they are. and because in reading + correcting I completed.

I have reason to believe there is more on the disks, the original of which I have, that she retyped because I had a letter from her saying she had it all on the computer but there was something she did not understand she'd have to await the return of someone ~~for~~ to be able to proceed. The her father required her care.

Dave Wrone is much too busy with, in addition to his teaching, a special project for Indians in what for them is a major lawsuit (he is an expert in that field, too) for him to think of getting his disk printed for reading. I've also sent a disk to a friend who teaches history in a New Zealand college the name of which I've forgotten, in Auckland. If and ~~have~~ when he gets it printed I'll learn if there is more on the disks I have than you have printed. If so I can get a printout for you of what remains to make the set you have complete.

I have no objection to it being used now but that would have to be with the understanding that I have not read it and cannot be sure of the accuracy of the retyping or the insertions or if the insertions were made where I intended. It was many months after the book was out before I had what you now have and I then could not take the time to do anything with it. I've remained busy with other work, as in time you'll see. I have, besides what for practical purposes Gallen and C& G are suppressing, the long book NEVER AGAIN! completed; Inside the JFK Assassination Industry, which Carol Deck is retyping when she can (and I've heard nothing from her in three weeks), and Waketh the Watchman, which Diane Fox is almost finished retyping. And I'm working on more.

You may remember that some time ago I mentioned the problem I'm having with NEVER AGAIN! It was completed in 1992. I had expected it to be published late the first half of 1993. The few explanations I've had for not publishing it are farcical and now I get no response. So, I've sent them nothing more. So, it now looks as though you'll be getting a large manuscript, Inside the JFK Assassination Industry, to which I may make some additions, and Waketh the Watchman, which I regard as completed in ~~rough~~ rough draft. I think the former is about 200,000 words, the latter about a fourth of that. Jerry is in general familiar with their content.

I'll be getting the disk from Diane when she finishes making the corrections the last of which await her. I'll then get it printed, meaning computer copy, for you and for me. Carol is about 25% through Inside the JFK Assassination Industry. The other book is one in which I'm enlarging on a lengthy article I wrote some time ago, Senator Russell Dissents. Carol finished with that and I have it retyped. It is limited to his refusal to agree with the single-bullet theory, a rather significant fact, I think, for our history. Senator Cooper agreed with him. This no longer rests on Russell's word to me. I have confirmation from the files of both.

That was but one of Russell's problems with the Report he was conned into signing. As he told me, "I'm satisfied they have not told us all they know about Oswald," This is what I'm addressing in what I'm writing now, what was known about Oswald that "they" never told him or the Commission about.

Aside from what I have on this there is a considerable amount of information made available by the CIA under the compulsion of the 1992 law to which I have no access except in the copies one person whose work on them has to end now sent me. It is not much. But the last report I had is that the now disclosed CIA Oswald Personality Profile file known as a 201 is almost 20 linear feet of paper!

John Newman, who teaches at Maryland and recently retired from Army intelligence, has a book based on that file due in March.

I should have explained at the beginning what was gutted from Case Open.

I used Posner's shoddy but well presented prosecution case as the basis for writing a defense brief. Unlike Posner, all I use is the <u>official</u> evidence. I think, without question, it exculpates Oswald and more-proves he could not have been the assassin and that officialdom knew it. I enclose what Gallen, an experienced lawyer, wrote me about it: "I think you did a <u>great job</u>. You would have been a notable lawyer in the Clarence Darrow mold."

Can you think of any better reason for eliminating the "Clarence Darrow" part of the book?

But that is life Inside the JFK Assassination Industry!

Best wishes,

Harold